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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 6 -- Council of Fresno County Governments  
(COFCG)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 6 to the Local Highway Element of the COFCG's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 6, 2003. The COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2002-49 on November 21, 2002, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested to increase Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding by \$44,100 for the FY 2002/03 construction phase of a City of Firebaugh walking trail project (MPO ID # FRE020111). The modified funding is requested due to higher than anticipated construction bids. The City of Firebaugh proposal is to fund the increased construction costs with un-programmed "lifeline" funds. This will leave the City with a CMAQ "lifeline" balance of \$63,980.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. § 1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FTIP amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 6 into California's 2002/03 - 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

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